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Slough 2 Wildfire in Moab, Utah

Grand County, Utah ... 83 personnel from Federal, Utah State, Grand County, and Moab City resources worked together to make good progress on the Slough 2 wildfire in Moab today. Despite gusty, erratic winds and abnormally dry fuels, crews were able to prevent fire spread into residential areas and limit spread in the Nature Conservancy Matheson Preserve. The fire is burning in tamarisk, Russian olive trees, bull rush, and cottonwoods. Current fire size is estimated at 450 acres with 5-10 % containment. Full containment is expected by evening on Friday, October 24th. Fire appears to have been man caused with additional investigation ongoing.

During the night, the Lone Peak Hotshot crew made significant progress in establishing containment lines around the fire. Today crews will concentrate on extinguishing any hotspots along the perimeter of the fire.

There are currently no structures threatened. Evacuations have been lifted and both residents and visitors have returned to their homes and campsites. Fire managers are requesting that members of the public stay clear of the fire area until work is completed. Anyone with information pertaining to the cause of this fire should contact the Utah Division of Forestry at (435) 259-3766.

Area residents and visitors are encouraged to learn more about the natural role of fire in ecosystems. Information can be picked up at most land management agency offices.

For additional wildfire and prescribed fire information go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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